



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 9

Meeting Date: 4/26/06
Meeting Location: Hendricks County Dept. of Child Services
6781 E US Hwy. 36, Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Tim Miller, Barbara South, Amy Walls (Steve Vaughn's designee), Sally Wheat, Sally Berish (Judge David's designee), Lisa Allen and Char Burkett-Sims

Council Members Absent:

Lisa Allen, Judge Boles, and Judge Headley

Others In Attendance:

Kamilla Aeschliman, Debbie Sampson, MSW Intern, and Lisa Plewa of Children's Bureau,

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 AM

1. DCS Staff provided an update regarding the Child Welfare Reform Pilot. Region 9's experience with Child and Family Teams was discussed extensively as well as plans to implement this model region wide.

There was also a discussion about the concerns expressed from providers throughout the Region. Montgomery County held a providers' informational session to present information regarding the Child and Family Team Meeting, the agency's plans to utilize team meetings as a primary strategy in working with families and the role providers may be asked to serve as members of teams.

2. The status of the Community Partners for Child Safety project was discussed. The processes for hiring the Program Coordinator were presented by Lisa Plewa of the Children's Bureau. Barb South and Char Burkett-Sims agreed to help Lisa select a Coordinator.

Additionally the location of the Children's Bureau Office for this project was discussed. The team decided that the location for the Community Partner's Office would be Danville where the Children's Bureau currently has office space.

3. It was reported that our initial selection for the Community Partners contract had to be changed. We are limited to one provider so Children's Bureau will serve in that capacity and will negotiate with Family Services in Putnam County to provide assistance.
4. A discussion was initiated in follow-up to Judge David's suggestion from the previous meeting to identify practices that are working well as a means by which we could find ways to improve DCS/Court related services. There were no specific

practices offered. It was agreed that it might be best to visit other courts to be observe and that suggestions might come from those observations.

5. A foster parent has not been located to replace Kathy Campbell. Other recommendations were received and contact will be made by team members to solicit interest.

Next Meeting

Date: 5-31-06

Location: Hendricks County Dept. of Child Services, 6781 E US Hwy. 36, Avon, IN 46123

Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 AM